(e) what action has been taken by Government against the officials found involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry has constituted a "Complaints Committee" to deal with the cases of harassment of women employees in the Ministry and in Indian Missions and Posts abroad. This was done in pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's decision in the case of Vishaka *Vs* State of Rajasthan. The Committee is responsible for conducting independent investigations into allegations of sexual harassment received from women employees.

(c) The Committee has not received any complaints since its constitution.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Support sought by USA

1996. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature and kind of support sought by the United States of America in its own efforts to fight terrorism;

(b) Government's response alongwith the details of the aid and assistance provided; and

(c) whether Government have accepted military alliance with the USA in support of the so called global coalition to fight international terrorism which according to USA stand so far does not include cross border terrorism and the proxy war engaged by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country for more than a decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) As part of the commitment to fight international terrorism and in the context of India's ongoing counter terrorism cooperation with the United States, India extended assistance after examining the specific requests made by the U.S. Government after the terrorist attacks of

September 11 in the United States. This included intelligence sharing, assistance in the investigations into the September 11 attacks and logistical support for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in the form of over flight clearance, refuelling facilities, naval berthing facilities, medical assistance and search and rescue operations. The approvals were based on existing guidelines for military assistance to friendly countries.

(c) No, Sir.

Declaration on 'No First Use' of Nuclear weapons

1997. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan was urged to declare the 'No First Use' of nuclear weapons as has been announced by India;

(b) whether Pakistan has rejected the proposal; and

(c) if so, the reasons advanced by Pakistan in not agreeing to the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) While the question of no-first-use of nuclear weapons has come up from time to time in bilateral and multilateral forums, official indications from Pakistan are that it is not willing to accept any such restraints on the use of its nuclear weapons.

Indo-China working group on counter terrorism

1998. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have decided to establish a Working Group on counter terrorism;

(b) whether both the countries have agreed to share intelligence on terrorism in Kashmir and insurgency in the North-East;